



## Montana Association for Pupil Transportation

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To Whom It May Concern:

Q'Straint, which makes tie-downs for wheelchairs, is again sponsoring the program to award an outstanding Special Needs Driver recognition for a job well done. This award will be presented at the annual Montana Association for Pupil Transportation Workshops in June.

They have asked us to solicit nominations from all the fine Montana drivers who transport children with special needs. Q-Straint will be awarding the winner with a plaque and a \$100.00 cash award. In addition, depending on the number of nominations received, they will have as many as five runners-up. They will be provided a congratulatory letter announcing their runner-up status along with a Q-Straint gift.

Q-Straint will conduct the final evaluation of the nominations and make the selections. The selection process is based on information received on each individual with special emphasis on facts and specific achievements as well as documented endorsements. Please note; any school district or contractor may nominate a special needs driver. The nomination process does not require that the type of restraint system be identified, as they are aware that many special needs buses may transport only ambulatory students. This is a sincere effort to honor the special driver not the type of bus they drive.

All nominations must be received in my office by May 18, 2006. This will allow me enough time to forward the nominations to Q-Straint and them enough time to evaluate and prepare the plaque and related awards.

All nominations must be submitted on school district or company letterhead. The nomination should be endorsed by the superintendent or highest level of administration in the school district or company to reinforce their support for the nominee and student transportation.

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Betty Kunkel  
M.A.P.T. Executive Secretary